

RAINING HOPE

“And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture.” Zechariah 10:1

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Third Term School Fees Due

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**Graduation Send off
Celebration
July 29, 2023
Testimonies from
the Graduates**

The Send Off Celebration on July 29, 2023 was a great success. Seeing these five students graduate and are now ready to move on and be the light in the world was **only possible by your support and love.** Thank you so much for your unwavering support towards realizing the dreams of many here in Uganda, Africa.

Enclosed you will find **three of the testimonies of the graduating students.** The other two will be in the next newsletter. Each student is eternally grateful for the opportunity given to them to receive an education. **YOU made this possible.**

As you read these testimonies, I pray you can hear from the depths of their hearts how grateful they are. I wish you could have all been there at the Send Off Celebration to witness their complete joy and excitement! It was a humbling and grace-filled experience.

This quote from Godfrey was in last month’s newsletter. It is worth repeating:

“It’s a real thing here to have organizations graduate and send off students because many misbehave and are sent out of organizations. Others drop out and others don’t have the opportunity for any education up to university. I am thankful to God for using all of you to that extent. I am persuaded by faith that we shall experience another Graduation and Send Off as the Lord gives grace and provision. With the four finishing this year and then Henry next year, I am thankful to God that He fulfills His promise even amidst challenges. Nothing fails him even as we face challenges, Yet, we hold unto the promises of God and serve His purposes alone.” Godfrey

Please keep us in prayers that we finish the third term well for the remaining students.



Sylvia, Vivian, Mum, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

Sylvia, Vivian, Godfrey, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

Dear Sponsors,

Calvary greetings from Raining Hope family a place where Jesus reigns. We are so humbled to have you beloved ones as part of our lives. Your kind hearts, love and commitment towards us is really a true description of a good Samaritan. You have always given part of which is yours to us even when you have not met us physically or face to face.

Meanwhile, we were so excited to have Mama Kisakye come in the month of August. We received her with joy and happiness and celebrated God for her journey mercies. With her came your love, smiles and hugs. Trust me, she represented you very well because we felt your love too when we began to hug her. What happened next was really unbelievable because we were in high gear to have our send-off and graduation party. Wow! This was another exciting moment of our lives. We had the five of us smartly dressed up ready to receive your prayers and blessings which were brought by Mama Kisakye and we couldn't wait to start the function.

The ceremony was a success because we had some of our friends and family plus neighbors that came to be part of this day and **what they witnessed gave them a broader picture of what Raining Hope is all about.** We were smartly dressed up in our gowns ready to begin life outside of Raining Hope. **Those that had questions about what we do were taken care of that day.** We saw that when some were given an opportunity to speak and indeed we thank God for everything because it all went on very well.

We also take this opportunity to **thank you for the prayers and encouragement towards our wedding.** We are really humbled and overwhelmed by your love. We are now a husband and wife that is to say Mr & Mrs Hilary and Florence! We are so happy together. May God bless you more.

I really want to thank you in a special way for always standing together with Mama Kisakye. Your support and encouraging words have kept her strong and going all these years. Having you people around her has given her a peace of mind as she has continued to serve God through this amazing ministry. Thank you so much for loving her. I pray that God continue to bless you together with your families and also bless the works of your hands. We love you!



Hilary & Mum

Love and Peace, Hilary and Florence



Hilary & Godfrey
Arriving at Wedding!



Florence - Introduction



Hilary & Florence!



Day After Wedding



Sylvia, Vivian, Mum, Jesca, Joan, Hilary



Sylvia, Vivian, Godfrey, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

Dear Sponsors,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus. I hope you and all your families are fine. It is a great pleasure writing to you sharing my joy with you. I hope this finds you all well. Back here I am doing fine. I have seen the faithful and the gracious hand of the Lord.

On July 29th of this year I celebrated my graduation and send off. The occasion was graced by our Mum Mama Kisakye, the elders in the house, family, friends and the community. It was such an honor seeing all people gathered to celebrate with us our victory. It was an honor seeing Mama Kisakye and Uncle Godfrey laying hands on us and praying for us ushering us into the next stage of life.

This experience for me was a dream come true. **That which seemed hard and impossible became a reality and possibility that day. What God can't do doesn't exist is all I can say about the whole experience.**



I therefore take this opportunity to thank all of you our dear sponsors for allowing God to use you as vessels to bring these dreams back to life. Thank you for standing with Mama Kisakye for this cause. Thanks for the continued prayers, love and support towards the Raining Hope family.

We love you and pray for you.

May the peace of God be with you.

Joan



Joan preparing for Hilary & Florence's Introduction



Joan leading worship



Joan - Wedding



Joan at Raining Hope



Sylvia, Vivian, Mum, Jesca, Joan, Hilary



Sylvia, Vivian, Godfrey, Jesca, Joan, Hilary

Dear Sponsors,

Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you all well with your families. I am so much humbled to write to you again after awhile. Back home, all is well by His grace. I'm happy to say that we managed to go through the Send Off process gracefully as organized. I must say I was so excited having such a moment with our Mum Kisakye, Uncle Godfrey and the entire family of Raining Hope. The Send Off Ceremony was indeed a great one and I was excited for this milestone. Wearing my graduation gown was a dream come true. Watching Mum Kisakye and Uncle Godfrey praying and giving us encouraging words to push us farther was a great moment. I am glad to say that since I joined Raining Hope **I have seen God change my story from a girl who had no hopes of studying, getting discouragement from society, to becoming a courageous, strong young lady who attained a diploma in Journalism and become a great servant of God.** I am so thankful to God that He used Mama Kisakye and all the sponsors to stand with us. You've indeed been of great support.



I am currently having a beauty and clothing store that I am working in as I wait on the best from God.

Once again, I want to appreciate Mum Kisakye, Uncle Godfrey, our sponsors and partners for making this happen. All these achievements have come true through you. Thank you and God bless you. I will always have you in my prayers.

Bless you!

Sylvia



Sylvia at Florence & Hilary's Introduction



Sylvia, Her Mum & Mum Kisakye



Sylvia & Mum Kisakye



Wedding Day!



Our students are excited to finish the third term of this school year!

Four more of our students will finish their certificates this year which is a great achievement for us and the ministry. **Difasi & Maria** are in their last year of Hotel & Tourism. **Sophia** is in her last year of Fashion and Design.

Joel is completing his Electrical Installation courses. **Henry** will complete his Business Degree in the spring of 2024. Wow! We are so incredibly proud of all our students.

Because they are **finalizing their certificate programs** this term, their requirements, registrations for national examinations, and project requirements **raised the fee structure**. They will be left with their internship and graduation fees.

The third term school fees are higher than normal for all students. Uganda's Education System has made many new changes in the National school curriculum and policies. These changes have slowly been happening since returning from the interruption due to the COVID shutdown. This new curriculum requires more projects, field work, industrial training and more requirements even for secondary education.

It was so heartwarming to hear the precious testimonies of our first **Send Off graduates**. Hilary, Sylvia, Vivian, Joan and Jesca are so thankful for your support, prayers and love given to them over all these years. They all said **without the support of Raining Hope, they don't know where they would be today**. It is a valuable gift to make sure our students have an opportunity to have an education so their dreams become a reality. **YOU are making a difference in the lives of these students.**

Each of the five graduates has a thank you note that will be included in a special edition newsletter. **Page 6 has a complete listing of the Third Term School fees, supplies and boarding. Please keep us in prayer as classes began this week on September 18th. They have not been allowed to start because we have not yet been able to send any of the fees.**

UPDATED WAYS TO MAKE A DONATION

CHECKS: Please mark your check with the area you would like the funds to go to such as **SCHOOL FEES, COMPLIANCE etc.** or **BUDGET**. If multiple donations come in for a designated need, excess funds will be placed in the budget to cover the overall needs. If there is no designation it will go into the budget to use at our discretion.

Checks can be sent directly to our Treasurer, Carol John at 11832 Quince Mill Drive, North Potomac, MD 20878 or to our Raining Hope offices c/o Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road #206, Ventura, CA 93003.

***CREDIT CARD:** On our website www.raininghope.org choose DONATE. Follow the prompts.

***TEXT-TO-GIVE:** On your phone send a text to 844-544-7171 and text the phrase RAININGHOPE. Follow the prompts to give by credit card.

Zelle If your bank uses Zelle for money transfers you may send money instantly to Raining Hope.

***QR CODE:** Scan this QR code. **Follow the prompts to give by credit card.**



If you have any questions about ways to give, please contact Carol John - carol@raininghope.org. All donations are tax deductible. Raining Hope Incorporated is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

Note:

* These methods of donating require a credit card. Raining Hope pays 2.5% to 3% on these gifts. There is an option for the donor to pay all or some of the credit card fees.

THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEES, SUPPLIES & BOARDING

Senior Secondary School

Zuluta	Senior 6
Joanne	Senior 5
Tamarah	Senior 5
Dan	Senior 3
Jemimah	Senior 2

Dreams & Goals

Accountant
Nurse
Accountant
Business
Accountant

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Senior Secondary School: \$1815 or \$363 each

Primary School

Jael	Primary 7	Doctor
Jireh	Primary 5	Drama
Hope	Primary 2	Pilot
Trust	Primary 1	

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Primary & Kindergarten School: \$1057 or \$264 each

Post Secondary School/Trade School

Difasi	Hotel & Tourism	Tour Guide	\$ 447
Maria	Hotel & Tourism	Chef	\$ 409
Sophia	Fashion Design	Fashion Design	\$ 502
Joel	Electrical Installation	Electrician	\$ 441
Henry	Business Computing	IT Technician	\$1102

Sub-total for School fees & Supplies for Post Secondary School/Trade School \$2901

GRAND TOTAL FOR STUDENT SCHOOL FEES, & BOARDING DUE NOW \$5773

We appreciate you **joining us in prayer. Thank you for giving our students hope for their futures.**

They are extremely grateful to all of you for your support and your prayers.

Fees are currently due as they begin school September 18, 2023

Our Next Five Graduates!



Difasi



Maria



Sophia



Dan



Henry